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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER FORESEES ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH  
SOVIET UNION, EASTERN EUROPE

REF: KINGSTON 2934

1. IN FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON JULY 20,  
DURING WHICH HE GAVE A TOUR D'HORIZON OF JAMAICAN POLITICAL  
AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE REGIONS OF THE WORLD,  
FOREIGN MINISTER P.J. PATTERSON SAID THAT "THE STAGE IS  
SET FOR FRUITFUL ECONOMIC COLLABORATION" BETWEEN JAMAICA  
AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY  
THAT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ARE NOW BEING EXAMINED FOR THE  
PROMOTION OF TRADE, FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSIST-  
ANCE, AND FOR ASSISTANCE "IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFRA-  
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STRUCTURAL FABRIC OF THE JAMAICAN ECONOMY TO ENSURE THAT  
OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WILL BE SUSTAINED AT  
APPROPRIATE LEVELS." HE SAID THAT EFFORTS TO DEVELOP TRADE  
WITH THE SOVIET UNION ARISE FROM THE FACT 97 PERCENT OF  
JAMAICA'S EXPORTS GO TO THE WESTERN WORLD WHICH IS, IN  
TURN, THE SOURCE OF 96 PERCENT OF JAMAICA'S IMPORTS.

2. PATTERSON ALSO TOLD PARLIAMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS "WORKING ON MECHANISMS" TO USE THE \$8.0 MILLION HUNGARIAN CREDIT, MAKING EFFORTS TO "ACTIVATE" THE AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIA IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, AND "CURRENTLY HAVING EXCHANGES" WITH POLAND REGARDING PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON'S REMARKS ARE COUCHED IN OPTIMISTIC TERMS, THE RECORD TO DATE DOES NOT SUGGEST EARLY OR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION OR OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THIS VIEW IS REINFORCED BY REMARKS OF

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY FRANK FRANCIS REPORTED IN REFTEL.

4. OTHER ELEMENTS OF PATTERSON'S STATEMENT BEING REPORTED IN SEPTELS.  
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